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In re Application of :
G. A. VAN SCHOUWENBURG : METHOD FOR PREPARING A
Serial No. 08/716,223 : COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT
Filed November 22, 1996 : FROM SMALLER PIECES OF
Examiner - Curtis Sherrer : MEAT, AND THE COHERENT PIECE
August 18, 2000 : OF MEAT OBTAINED

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment submitted June 30, 2000, Applicant submits the accompanying expert Declaration and the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claim 1 as follows:

I *2/1* 1. (Seven Times Amended) A method for manufacturing a coherent piece of raw meat from smaller pieces of raw meat, comprising the steps of:

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